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## TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reader's Service to the China Mail.)

### THE RAILWAY STRIKE

#### FOREIGN AND COLONIAL PARCEL MAIL SUSPENDED.

London, Sept. 28.  
The Postmaster General notifies the public that Foreign and Colonial parcels cannot be accepted, nor those for inland, except those for local delivery. He urges the posting of urgent communications only.

#### SITUATION IMPROVING

An official message states:—The general situation is improving. Government measures are working satisfactorily. Food distribution is proceeding smoothly and offers of voluntary assistance are still pouring in. Mr. Thomas announces there is no development in the situation and there are no direct or indirect negotiations for settlement taking place.

#### PUBLIC FEELING AGAINST UNFAIR, UNREASONABLE STRIKE.

London, September 29.  
Public feeling against the strike is hardening hourly. The newspapers increasingly condemn what the Daily News calls an unfair, unreasonable strike regardless of the community. There is a growing determination that the men must return to work before a settlement can be entertained. Meanwhile the efficiency of the Government's food measures have made the deepest impression.

Hyde Park yesterday was a centre of attraction, presenting an extraordinary spectacle of a church parade held between rows of lorries and piles of churns. The drive along the Serpentine has already been dubbed the "Milky Way."

In addition to milk received by motor a train, conveying 1,200 churns arrived at Waterloo in the evening from the West. Long distance charabancs are rapidly spreading crammed with business men and returning holiday makers.

Miss Hopwood Assistant Food Commissioner, has been appointed Food Distribution Officer for London.

#### A LIMITED TRAIN SERVICE.

London, Sept. 28.  
To-night's reports from London termini show that an exceedingly limited number of trains ran to-day. The South Western and the Great Western Companies were more successful. The Railway Companies indicate the probability of extended services to-morrow, particularly the London and Brighton which has issued a time table of arrangements.

#### PREDICTED THAT MINERS WILL BE IDLE

London, Sept. 29.  
Mr. Smilie, speaking at Glasgow, said that he expected 90 per cent. of the miners will be idle in three days in consequence of the strike. He urged the miners to keep their heads and be passive resisters as far as possible.

#### MR. APPLETON'S OPINION.

London, Sept. 29.  
Mr. Appleton, Secretary of the General Federation of Trade Unions, interviewed, said: "In view of the fact that no issue was involved between the Railwaymen and the Government until the end of December, he believed that had the Railwaymen had balloted there would have been no strike. He opined that the effect of the strike on other trades will not be certain for some days."

#### GOVERNMENT MEASURES HAVE A STEADYING INFLUENCE.

London, Sept. 29.  
At mid-day on Monday the situation had not materially changed and with the Transport Workers and Busmen still working the element of surprise has not proved so successful as was anticipated. The rationing of food stuffs and petrol and other drastic Government measures had a steady influence and, to a superficial view, things have been going on in a limited way much as usual; but the future holds many uncertainties.

The Transport Workers and the Busmen are apparently eager to come out in sympathy with the Railwaymen and as far as London, with its nine millions of concentrated humanity, is concerned there is no doubt that the extension of the strike in that direction would to a great extent, paralyse the Metropolis. The Authorities, of course, are making every preparation; but there are obvious limits to its organising powers, without the aid of the Transport Men. But much will depend on the Government's power to maintain some sort of train service and the outlook in this respect seems to be improving.

#### MAKESHIFT SERVICES.

London, Sept. 29.  
Skeleton services run this morning on a number of suburban lines will be continued throughout the day. The boat train from Folkestone will run to time, while the Great Western has arranged for a number of trunk trains. A fairly representative service is being arranged in the provinces. Indications are gradually forthcoming that the rank and file of railway men are anything but unanimously keen on the strike. Some firemen, guards, and drivers on several railways are at work but their number is negligible.

#### THE FIUME IMBROGLIO.

#### A BALKAN WAR THREATENING.

PARIS, September 28.  
The Council apparently is changing its attitude towards Fiume consequent on the recent developments which are now regarded as threatening a Balkan War. The Council is clearly convinced that international action will be forced unless Italy controls the situation within the next few days.

#### BRITISH CLEARING HOUSE IN BERLIN.

#### STATEMENT UNAUTHORISED.

COLOGNE, September 29.  
A meeting of the British Chamber of Commerce unanimously passed a resolution declaring that the statements of Knott, cabled on the 22nd inst., were unauthorised and calling on Knott to resign and entirely dissociating the Chamber from Knott's action in proposing the establishment of a commercial clearing house in Berlin, under British control.

#### PRESIDENT WILSON'S BREAKDOWN.

#### ORDERED COMPLETE REST.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 29.  
President Wilson has been ordered complete rest. All engagements in the near future have been cancelled.

#### THE ITALIAN PEACE DELEGATION.

#### VOTE OF CONFIDENCE.

ROME, Sept. 29.  
After the statements of the ex-Premier, Signor Orlando, defending the action of the Italian Peace Delegation and Signor Nitti, who explained the attitude of the new Government, the Chamber passed a vote of confidence in the Government by 208 votes to 146; with ten abstentions.  
The Chamber also passed a resolution re-affirming the Italian character of Fiume; Official Socialists abstaining.

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## FAR EASTERN CABLE NEWS.

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### DR. REINSCH'S NEW APPOINTMENT.

SHANGHAI, Sept. 29.  
Dr. Paul Reinsch, till recently American Ambassador at Peking, has been appointed Counsellor to the Chinese Government, with residence in America, at a salary of \$20,000 per annum. The engagement dates from October 1.

### HUNDREDS DYING DAILY OF CHOLERA.

Though no cholera is reported from the Peking-Mukden Railway, hundreds are dying daily behind the railway zone.

### THE NEW PREMIER.

Chin Yun-peng's Premiership is being hopefully viewed.

### CHINESE TELEGRAMS.

[Translated for the China Mail from the Wei Tsi Yat Po.]

### ANOTHER WAY TO MAKE PEACE.

SHANGHAI, Sept. 29.  
Shum Chun Hsun, one of the Administrative Directors in Canton, has, in his private capacity, telegraphed to all important persons of the North and South suggesting that the making of peace between the Departments and Ministries of the two Governments be submitted to the public bodies.

### THE NORTH CHIEF DELEGATE.

It is reported that Hui Sai Ying the ex-Minister of Communication will be appointed the chief delegate for the North in place of Wong Yip Tong, but both the palace and cabinet have denied this.

### A LOAN TO CHINA.

Mr. Li Shi Ho, the Acting Minister of Finance, has concluded a loan with certain foreign capitalists. An advance of \$5,000,000 will be paid over immediately.

### COMMANDER WU PU-FOO.

Commander Wu Pu-foo of the northern troops at Hunan, in a second telegram to the new Premier, still hopes that the Premier will appoint another person as the North chief delegate in place of Mr. Wong Yip Tong.

### DEATH OF BANK MANAGER.

Home papers record the death, on Aug. 6 at Ashley Park Hotel, Walton-on-Thames, of Mr. Caleb Lewis, formerly manager of the Chartered Bank of India, Australia, and China, London, at the age of 76 years. At the time he gave up work Mr. Caleb Lewis was probably the oldest member of the staff, having joined the bank as far back as 1864. After serving in India for about five years, he left the bank for some time owing to bad health and rejoined the bank in which he was trained—the North and South Wales. He subsequently returned to the Chartered in 1874, and remained with the bank, having been engaged at the head office as sub-manager, and then manager. His retirement in October, 1909, was made the interesting occasion of a presentation to him of a marble and ornate clock with bronze figures (reproduced from the antique) and bronze side ornaments, a good lever watch and chain, as well as a silver loving-cup. The presentation was made to him by Mr. Thomas Fraser, who has himself since passed away, when a number of old friends and representatives of the Chartered Bank were present to render their last respects to one who was a staunch colleague and sincere friend. The funeral service took place at Brookwood. Mr. Lewis was unmarried.

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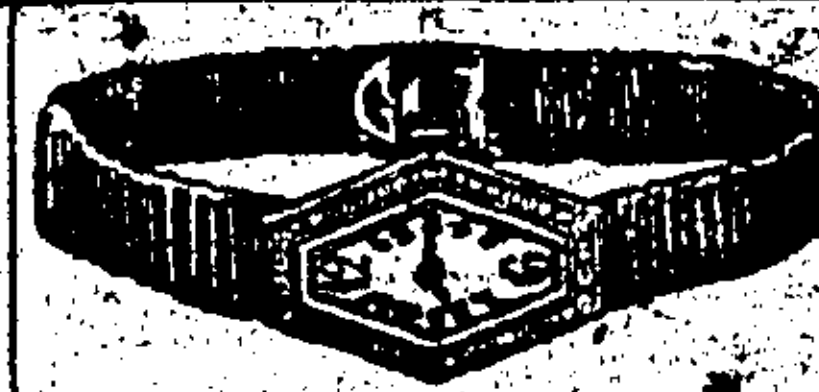
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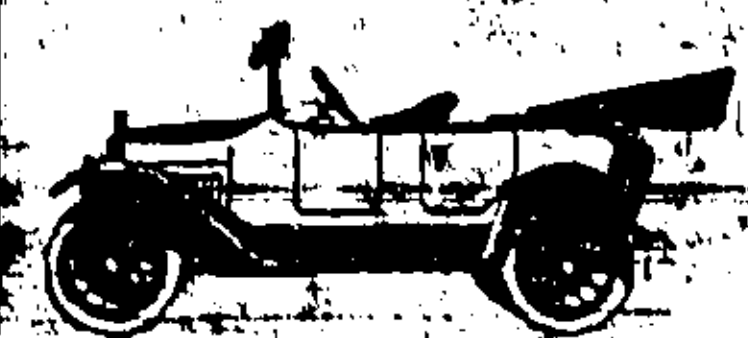
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OF PETERLOOWhen I was a boy I was very fond  
indeed of creeping into the backroom  
cellar at night—especially of winter  
nights—to hear the men of the mori-  
bund club talk and sing and, by the  
way, swear about hard times. What  
a quaint, independent set of indus-  
trials they were! But they talked  
and sang sometimes of flowers, or  
love, or war, but mostly of hard  
social and political days. How they  
did anatomize the politicians of  
the hour, and I am afraid, push  
revolutionary ideas into my young  
head. I was to carry on—so Joss  
Wright said—their spirit of political  
revolt when they were dead and their  
wooden looms were made into fire-  
wood by the factory workers. They  
were the Radicals of Lupton Yard,  
and when I read "The Revolution  
in Tanager's Lane" I thought if  
Rutherford had known them he  
might have handed them to poster-  
ity.It was there where I first heard of  
Peterloo. "Peterloo, Peterloo," was  
often the subject of fierce conversa-  
tion and denunciation. There were  
four of them in the cellar in addition  
to an old woman who, sitting  
in the middle of the room, mended  
rattens, worked, wound cones, wet  
bobbin for them on a wooden wheel  
and spindle. Joss Wright was the  
leader of the poverty-stricken group.  
My father was the owner of the  
booms, all bought for a few shillings,  
and rented to the other three weavers  
for a few pence a week. Joss was  
a great talker. Ned Greenhalgh,  
gentle Ned—was a listener who  
solicited approval of Joss's political  
outbursts. Nathan Clegg, who occa-  
sionally varied his weaving by short  
term in the "Deacons' Jail at Lan-  
caster, helped Joss by swearing at  
capitalists and shopkeepers. Mary  
Miller, the bobbin-winder, sometimes  
shook with fear at the thought of  
what might be their plight if "the  
police were to look in." Joss Wright  
and Ned Greenhalgh—their voices  
one of his homesteads with verses  
from Elizabeth Barrett and democ-  
ratic songs of Burns, out from news-  
papers. My father sometimes play-  
ed the fiddle to soothe their nerves,  
played old English airs and Jacobite  
songs.There was a stove in the cellar,  
which was lighted when they could  
afford to buy coal. I used to hear  
most about Peterloo when the looms  
were silent and the stove was burn-  
ing, and the weavers were warm-  
ing. "Winding on," a new warp by  
sandlelight. "One of 'em" would  
guide the threads through the bents,  
two and six on each side straighten-  
ing the warp and picking out looms  
particular. Joss Wright, usually sat  
on a stool under the warp, usually  
having the best of the task. He  
would talk the most.It was then that "Peterloo" rang  
most in my ears. Often I wondered  
where Peterloo was till I learned  
it was at Manchester, a few miles  
away. Frequently I was puzzled to  
know why it was that they spoke so  
bitterly of it. Subsequently, I was  
informed that Joss Wright knew all  
about it, because he was there, in  
support of the People's Charter, as  
Joss described it. Joss was a slim,  
nervous man, with white hair and  
long beard; for a man of 77 years  
he was still sprightly physically and  
alert mentally.It was from these older-time  
weavers' lips I first heard the names  
of Sam Bamford and Henry Hunt.  
There was only one picture on the  
walls of our "front" room. Other-  
wise known as the parlour. To us  
a house was divided into a "front"  
room and a "back" room, or kit-  
chen. At that time our "front"  
room was an odd-looking chamber.  
Owing to the height of one of the  
looms in the cellar it had been neces-  
sary to take up one or two floors—  
in the parlour, usually wadded  
with the portion of the Jacquard  
machine. All that the room held  
was this portion of the loom, pro-  
truding about a yard above the sur-  
face, two spindle-back chairs, a  
small deal table, a winding-frame  
worked by my mother, and the foun-  
dary picture alluded to, which was  
a newspaper print of Henry Hunt.  
The name was underneath—"Henry  
Hunt, Esq." My mother knew no  
more of the August massacre of 1810  
than she had learned from the beat-  
ed hannagues of Joss Wright, and  
I was the one who told me that Henry  
Hunt was a man who had something  
to do with Peterloo.I remember saying to my father  
one morning when he was playing  
his well-worn fiddle (his warp being  
"down") "What was this, Peterloo  
about?" "Ah, Joss," he said, "It  
were afore my time. Joss were  
there. For what he says, it were a  
damnable thing—summat as workin'  
folk should never forget!"  
I was now particularly curious to  
know. And one day when Joss came  
from the loom, into the kitchen to  
big some tea to drink with a meal of  
bread and cheese I put the question  
—boy-like—bluntly to him. I have  
never forgotten some of his Dorset  
phrases. He drew me between his  
knees, and said, partly with pride  
and partly with indignation: "Peter-  
loo, lad! I know. 'T were there as  
a young man. We were howdin' a  
meeting at Manchester—on Peter's  
day—a meeting for sower reeds,  
for reeds o' men, for liberty to vote,  
and spend, and write, and be ear-  
nest, honest, hard-workin' folk. We  
wanted to live awar our lives, an'  
the upper classes wouldn't let us.  
That's about it, lad. We were  
howdin' a meeting, a peaceful meet-  
in' an' they sent us dragoon amung  
us to mow us down. An' they  
drags—drags us—drags us—drags us—in' at us wi' their swords. There  
were some on us shewin' 'Stop!  
Stop!' What are ye doin' that for?  
We on'y want sower reeds. An' they  
went on cuttin' through us, an' made  
us fly, better-shelter—aw because we  
were only howdin' up to 'bummer o'  
liberty an' 't reeds o' men. Bournes  
(Burns) says 'Liberty's a glorious  
feast. But th' upper classes  
wouldn't let us poor folk get a taste  
on it. When we cried for freedom  
o' action they gav' us 't point of a  
sword. Never forget, lad! Let it  
sink i' th' blood. Stom up an' fight  
for 't reeds o' men—'t reeds o' poor  
folk'!"Bummer o' liberty," 't reeds o'  
men," 't dragons shakin' amung  
us wi' their swords," were dimmed  
into my ears till I could not forget.  
I could not understand then why  
Joss was trembling with rage. I  
could not then understand why he,  
having lived for over fifty years after  
the event, should still permit it to  
disturb his mind. I suppose it had  
got in his blood, and he could not  
live it out. I presume also that con-  
tinuous years of poverty, together  
with years of political injustice and  
vagrancy, and dear food, through  
which he had lived, had helped to  
nurture his hatred, which he resolu-  
tely passed on to others.His political career began at  
Peterloo—a dramatic beginning, to  
be sure. It ended in a damp, dark  
handloom cellar, at the age of 81.  
I remember asking my father years  
after—when thinking of the sayings  
and the songs of Joss—how much  
would be the earnings of Joss as a  
ride. I was told not more than 10s.  
to 12s. per week—sometimes a few  
shillings more, sometimes "nowt at  
aw." Yet to the very end of his  
hard days Joss rarely omitted, as far  
as I can recollect, to talk and swear  
about the struggle that began at  
Peterloo, and which he traced  
through the mob skirmishes in con-  
nection with the agitation for the  
first Reform Act, the Chartist,  
and the Rag Dancers. He talked  
and talked of these affairs of men,  
and the opposition to them, as he  
sawing the shuttle across the loom,  
or as he sat in the impoverished kit-  
chen or in the tavern at the corner  
of the moon street. He was only  
fifteen years of age when he  
escaped from the massacre of Peter-  
loo. And who can say how much  
the working classes owe to men like  
Joss Wright—a poor handloom  
weaver who from his obscure pos-  
ition, and his spirit and opinions  
coming generations?—James Hallam  
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## TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

(Continued from Page 1.)

## THE BALTIC PROVINCES.

## ALLIES REFUSE GERMANY'S PLEA OF IMPOTENCY.

PARIS, September 29. Marshal Foch, on behalf of the Allies, has presented a note to Germany declining to accept the Government's plea of impotency as the withdrawal of Germans from the Baltic Provinces and orders the Government to proceed to withdraw them immediately. Until this is done the Allies refuse to consider German proposals for raw materials and financial facilities.

## THE LUXEMBURG PLEBISCITE.

PARIS, September 29. The Luxembourg plebiscite decided in favour of customs union with France.

## MORE FRENCH TREASON TRIALS.

## NINE MEN AND THREE WOMEN.

PARIS, September 29. Another Treason court-martial begins on Monday. Nine men and three women are charged with aiding the publication of the notorious propagandist *Gazette des Ardennes* published by Germans and circulated broadcast throughout occupied regions in France and Belgium.

## ARRIVAL OF NEW GOVERNOR.

(Continued from Page 4.)

I note with pleasure your assurance of the continuance of the well-proved loyalty of the Colony to His Majesty's Throne and Empire, and I note also with pleasure and with gratitude your promise of support and co-operation in dealing with the many problems which must necessarily present themselves in the new conditions which have arisen as a result of the War.

I warn you that I am not one of those who regard such promises merely as polite expressions of goodwill to a new Governor.

In the Island in which I have served for the last six years I have been accustomed to ask and to receive help and advice from any section of the community whose knowledge of the matter in hand promised to be of use to the Colony, and I shall continue that practice and, in reliance upon your promise, seek co-operation in any quarter where it will be of service to the public interest.

I make no doubt that Hongkong, in common with the rest of the world, will be faced with many and difficult problems in the years which lie before us.

To find under the guidance of Providence and with the co-operation of the various sections of the community such solutions to those problems as may be most conducive to the welfare of Hongkong and of the Empire will be the great object which I shall place before myself during my administration.

## AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER.

A joint session of the Executive and Legislative Councils was then held in the Council Chamber.

There were present: H.E. Maj-Gen. Ventris, C.B., The Hon. Mr. Claud Severn, C.M.G., The Hon. Sir Paul Chater, C.M.G., The Hon. Mr. C. McI. Messer, The Hon. Mr. Lau Chu Pak, Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell, Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster, Hon. Mr. E. V. D. Parr, Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, Hon. Mr. Ho Fook, Hon. Mr. W. Chatham, C.M.G., Hon. Mr. N. J. Stabb, Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, Sir Robert and Lady Ho Tung, Mr. Justice Melbourne, Mr. E. Suzuki (Consul-General for Japan), Mr. Molino (Consul for Panama), Mr. Rodriguez (Consul for Peru), Mr. J. F. E. da Silva (Consul for Mexico), Mr. G. E. Anderson (Consul for U.S.A.), Mr. E. G. Anderson (Consul for Peru), Mr. E. M. V. R. de Souza (Consul for Portugal), Mr. J. A. Gonzales Bernedo (Consul for Chili), Chey. Eies (Consul-General for Italy), Mrs. G. S. D. Hamel (Consul for Holland), and M. d'Oettingen (Consul for Russia). There were also present a large gathering of the general public including many ladies.

After Mr. Bullock had read the letters of patent appointing H.E. Sir Reginald Stubbs, K.C.M.G., to the Governorship of the Colony of Hongkong and its dependencies, the Chief Justice (Sir William Reeves Davies, K.C.) administered the oath of office.

After his Excellency had taken the oath and signed the declaration taking over the administration of the Government of the Colony, the Band of the Police Reserve played the National Anthem and a salute of 17 guns were fired by the Mountain Battery stationed on the Murray Parade Ground.

His Excellency then took his leave and left the Chamber accompanied by the Hon. Mr. Claud Severn, C.M.G., Capt. Warner (A.D.C.) and Mr. McGrath (Private Secretary). The gathering then dispersed.

## A KOWLOON SENSATION.

## WIFE CHARGES HUSBAND WITH CRUELTY.

At the Magistrate's Court this morning before Mr. R. E. Lindsell Mrs. Olga Maria Edwards, of No. 34 Nathan Road, Kowloon, applied for an order that she should be no longer bound to cohabit with her husband Sydney Edwards, for that he was guilty of persistent cruelty towards her.

Mr. W. E. L. Shenton of Messrs. Deacon Looker, Deacon and Harston appeared for the plaintiff and Mr. A. E. Hall of Messrs. Lo and Lo, represented defendant.

Mr. Shenton said the case came under Ordinance 10 of 1905, under section 4.

Mr. Hall said that he was not prepared to go on with the case as his client had received the summons only yesterday morning. He wished to have an adjournment.

Dr. Sanguin Strahan, was called, and examined by Mr. Shenton.

Mr. Shenton:—You reside at No. 36 Nathan Road Kowloon?

Dr. Strahan:—Yes.

I think Mr. Edwards resides at No. 34 on the third floor?

Yes.

I think on August 11 last you were awakened by your wife? What time was that?

Yes. I was awakened by my wife at 11.30 p.m.

And the cause was shrieking on the third floor of No. 34?

Yes.

You got up and dressed and went over to No. 34?

Yes.

On the way did you notice anything on the road?

I noticed some broken flower pots. Did they appear to have come from above?

Yes.

When you got to the third floor what did you find?

I saw a Chinese constable standing in the passage way of the flat and then I saw Mrs. Edwards.

What was she doing?

She was in a state of great excitement and agitation.

She was crying I think?

Yes.

Was Mr. Edwards there too?

Yes.

What did Mrs. Edwards say to you?

She said her husband had tried to throw her from the verandah into the street.

What was the state of her husband?

He seemed to be very excited also. What did he say to you?

He said "she is a bad woman." At that time did you notice any bruises on Mrs. Edwards?

No, but at that time.

What happened then?

I asked Mrs. Edwards whether she would like to go back to her parents. I think you suggested it?

Yes.

I think she said that it was no use?

Yes.

Did Mr. Edwards make any statements after that?

I can't remember.

What happened then?

I suggested to the policeman that he should either take Mr. Edwards to the station or look after him.

Was he in a very excited state of mind?

Yes.

Yes, he left the house and went down to the street.

I think you went down to your flat and telephoned to the Police?

Yes.

On August 13 Mrs. Edwards came to see you in your office, and did you examine her?

Yes.

What did you find?

I found bruises on the arms and legs, one on the right side of the body. There was an inflamed abrasion on the left side of the neck, another on the left of the arm pit.

## RISE OF PRICES IN SHANGHAI.

INCREASES OF 300 TO 700 PER CENT.

The N.C. Daily News says:

In spite of high exchange there is certainly little immediate prospect of any appreciable decrease in the price of goods imported from England for retail in the local stores. In almost every department supplies are difficult to obtain, and the quality of deliveries generally shows deterioration from the pre-war standard. Home firms can only promise to send the best quality obtainable, and it is obvious that in manufacture and export they are being very badly hit by the present labor troubles and the shortage in raw material.

GLASSWARE AND CROCKERY WORST. When prices have advanced all round, those for glassware and crockery have made the biggest forward stride, being 700 per cent. above pre-war prices. Cheap, common plates which were formerly purchasable at 2/- per dozen are now 15/-, and the cost of better quality articles has proportionately risen.

Glassware prices have gone to an extraordinary height. An advance of 100 per cent. was recently made, and now one of the largest French firms announces a further increase of 25 per cent., together with cancellation of the usual 1 per cent. discount, the reason given being the adoption of the 8 hour day in France, with higher wages. As an example of the effect on the retail market a glass soap container, plain in design and full of flaws, which was formerly obtainable at 6d or 9d, has been invoiced to a local firm at £1 2s. 6d.

The shortage in the supply of glass bottles is chiefly responsible for the fact that no preserved fruits and jams, and only a limited quantity of Christmas trade, which will also be lacking in hams, butter, cheese, bacon and cold storage goods from England. The local Christmas market will, therefore, be principally supplied from America and Australia. It may be some consolation to ladies to know that the export of chocolates of high class quality is beginning again, and consignments are expected in November.

## HATS UP 300 PER CENT.

The cost of hats has gone up by 300 per cent. and supplies will be limited for some time. Woollen goods show a 400 per cent. increase on the old sterling prices, but linen and cotton goods are not so badly affected and supplies are good. Gloves are from 200 to 300 per cent. higher and home manufacturers are finding it difficult to fulfil orders. Tailoring material is about three times the normal price and good blue serge is practically unobtainable. Home supplies of books and stationery are also very short. Dress shoes of moderate quality formerly costing 6/- are now 20/- and better quality 40/- American shoes which were obtainable at 5/- are now offered at from £3 10s to £2, and, of course, American prices all round have gone up in "sympathy" with those of other countries. The outlook is not too rosy for the consumer, though it cannot be long before increase in supplies will bring about a welcome fall in prices.

## RAUB-AUSTRALIAN GOLD MINES.

A farewell gathering took place at Bekit Koman, Raub, on the 17th inst. of the Chinese contractors and staff of the Raub Australian Gold Mines to bid farewell to Mr. W. H. Martin, the general manager, on the eve of his departure on his well earned retirement after seventeen years' service at the mine. Among those present were Messrs. Palmer, Scott, Orie and Mr. and Mrs. W. Shaffrey. Mr. Shaffrey made several short speeches to which Mr. Martin replied suitably, and Mr. Won Quee on behalf of the Chinese contractors made the presentation of an address on silk beautifully framed, for which Mr. Martin thanked them. The address, read by Mr. Khoo Boo Teong, stated that they could not allow the occasion to pass without assuring Mr. Martin that they were sensible of and thankful for the kind treatment which they had always received at his hands. Mr. W. H. Martin left Raub on September 18, for Kuala Lumpur and Singapore on route for home. Mrs. and Miss Martin accompany him.

## TYPHOON WARNING.

The telegram quoted below was received at the U.S. Consulate from the Manila Observatory at 2.30 p.m. September 30.

Typoon or cyclone N. of Yap moving W.N.W.

From what you saw that night and on the 13th, do you say that Mrs. Edwards was badly handled?

Yes.

Mr. Hall: With your Worship's permission, I should like to ask for an adjournment.

His Worship granted the application, and fixed Thursday at 2.15 p.m. for the further hearing.

## COMPANY MEETING.

## HONGKONG STEEL FOUNDRY CO., LIMITED.

The ninth ordinary general meeting of the above Company was held at the offices of the General Managers, 30, George Street, at 11.30 this morning.

Mr. A. G. Gordon was in the chair and there were also present Mr. A. Button (Acting General Manager), Messrs. C. D. Wilkinson, F. Macland, J. M. Gordon, E. J. Chapman, A. Keating, G. Barnett and Mr. W. Mark.

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen, the report and accounts having been in your hands for some time, I will take the usual course and with your permission take them as read. The balance at credit of Profit and Loss, after allowing for the Interim Dividend of \$9,008.00, paid in December last including the balance of \$7,153.00 brought forward from last year is \$38,477.50. Your General Managers propose to deal with this amount as follows:

To pay a final Dividend of \$1.00 per share ..... \$ 9,008.00

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To place to Reserve Fund 15,000.00

To carry forward to credit of next year's income ..... \$ 3,461.50

There is a slight alteration which we propose to make in the accounts, and that is to place to the credit of the Reserve Fund only \$10,000 instead of \$15,000 and write off \$5,000 from the Building account.

We hope this will meet with your approval.

THE PROSPECTS: Negotiations are in progress for the development of the Company's operations on a very large scale. At present I am not in a position to make any definite statement, but may say, that, during my visit to England and America, your interests have not been neglected.

With the Electric Furnaces for melting and smelting purposes which will be working shortly, there is no reason to doubt that the Company will be able to compete, both in quality and in price, for finished work, against home and foreign production. (Applause.)

MANAGEMENT: During the year under review an export manager (Mr. Button) has been engaged to take control of the Works, and supervise the erection of the New Electric Furnaces. Plant now on its way to Hongkong, and which we hope is only a forerunner of the great expansion mentioned elsewhere in the report.

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Steel, constructed therefrom, which may be driven through a piece of wrought iron over an inch thick, that is hard enough to cut glass like a diamond, and yet is so flexible that it may be bent without breaking, is surely a wonderful creation. This steel has a wide temperature range, as it may be heated anywhere between 16.50 and 10.50 degrees Fahrenheit and yet give good results.

PERSONAL: In conclusion, I am sorry to feel I may not be here to see the consummation of my life's work ended. My medical advisers warn me that I must take, at so very distant date, a long needed rest. The pioneer work though I feel is almost completed, and when I go, I shall do so with full confidence that the present progress of the Company is well assured, in the hands of younger and more active men, with all the newest methods to help them out. (Hear, hear.)

I can think of nothing more that would be of interest to shareholders, but if there are any questions, I shall be pleased to answer them after the adoption of the report and accounts. Gentlemen, I beg to propose that the report and accounts as presented be passed and adopted. Will any shareholder second this?

In seconding this resolution, Mr. F. Macland said: I have much pleasure in seconding the adoption of the report and accounts and in doing so to congratulate the management on the fine result. We are again receiving a handsome return in dividends and bonds together 30 per cent., and, besides, the Company's financial position is being strengthened by the substantial sum of \$15,000, or rather as altered by the Chairman, \$10,000 to reserve and \$5,000 off buildings, be placed to reserve. It is with much regret that we have just heard that our general manager, Mr. A. G. Gordon, will at no distant date, under medical advice, have to take a long needed rest, and it is my sincere wish that this company, brought to its present flourishing state by his long years of hard and untiring work, will continue a successful career and that Mr. Gordon will enjoy a well earned rest for many years to come. (Applause.)

Put to the meeting, the resolution was carried unanimously. Mr. C. Bernard Brown was unanimously re-elected auditor on the proposal of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Wilkinson.

The meeting terminated with the announcement that dividends were ready for issue.

## HONGKONG UNIT.

## DEMOLISHED.

## FINAL PARADE OF THE DOCKYARD DEFENCE CORPS.

An interesting ceremony and a sign of the times took place in the Naval Dockyard yesterday afternoon, when the Dockyard Defence Corps, a war time organisation, was demobilized.

The Dockyard Defence Corps, which was formed in 1917 as a Hongkong branch of the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve, owed its birth to Commodore H. H. Gardeman, C.M.G., R.N., who was then in charge here. He was as keen on forming this emergency unit as Mrs. Sandeman was on war work for the Red Cross and other war organisations. Having obtained the sanction of the Admiralty, Commodore Sandeman formed the unit, the members being the civilian staff of the Naval Dockyard. Mrs. A. M. Anderson has been the Officer Commanding throughout the brief life of the Corps, with the rank of Lieutenant. R. N. V. R. The Corps drilled fairly regularly, did a number of route marches and was exercised in musketry at which it excelled.

The parade, formed up in the Dockyard under the command of Lieut. A. L. Anderson, Ship Lieutenant, G. L. Platt also being on parade. Commodore Gardner inspected the men before proceeding to take his farewell of the Corps on its disbandment.

Addressing the parade Commodore Gardner said to the Officers and men on parade that it was with mingled feelings of pleasure and regret that he came to bid them good-bye on their last parade as the Dockyard Defence Corps. He congratulated them all on their efficiency which was maintained despite the handicap of work and overtime.

Commodore Gardner mentioned the only time the Corps was "called out" in an emergency, that was on the occasion of the Gresson Street affair early in 1918. He hoped that the necessity for a Defence Corps will not occur again for many years. He thanked them for their regular attendance at drills, and the instructors for their work.

In concluding the Commodore wished all members of the Corps success in life, and good-bye, not as individuals, but as members of the Dockyard Defence Corps, Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve.

The parade then dispersed.

## DECLINE IN FRENCH BIRTHS.

## PLURALITY OF WIVES.

The vital question of the grave decline in the birth-rate in France is once more brought into prominence by the decision of both Chambers to modify the civil code with regard to marriage writes the Paris correspondent of the *Daily Telegraph*. As I recently pointed out, this grave question, which is, of course, of paramount importance to the future prosperity of the country, is seldom discussed in the newspapers, but to-day several interesting references are made to it. As is well known according to the law as it has hitherto existed, difficulties quite unknown in England are presented to young people about to be married. In addition to much "red tape" on the part of the civil authorities the formal consent of the parents had to be produced, or if that was refused an application in legal form had to be made three times to them couched in "respectful terms" before this consent could be waived. The new law not only does away with many lengthy and trying preliminaries, but also abolishes the necessity of the parents' consent if the parties concerned are over the age of 30. The need of increasing the population needs to be impressed on the public mind, and in this connection it may be noted that, following the example some years ago of the late M. Lamy, Permanent Secretary of the Academie Comnacoq have given an annual sum of 2,250,000 francs to be distributed each year in the form of ninety donations of 25,000 francs each to poor families who have more than nine children, all of the same parents.

In this connection it is notable as an indication of reviving national interest that a congress to consider the question of the birth-rate is to be held at Nancy in September. A writer in an evening paper suggests plurality of wives as the only remedy. He points out that one and a half million young men have lost their lives in war and half a million more have been severely wounded or crippled, thus making two million women widows or condemning them to spinsterhood, and the women who have mates are not providing new citizens. He continues: "Either France will cease to exist for want of Frenchmen, or else it will become a sort of extraordinary Macedonian mongrel race. Are you prepared for that? If so, it seems hardly worth while to have gone through the war."

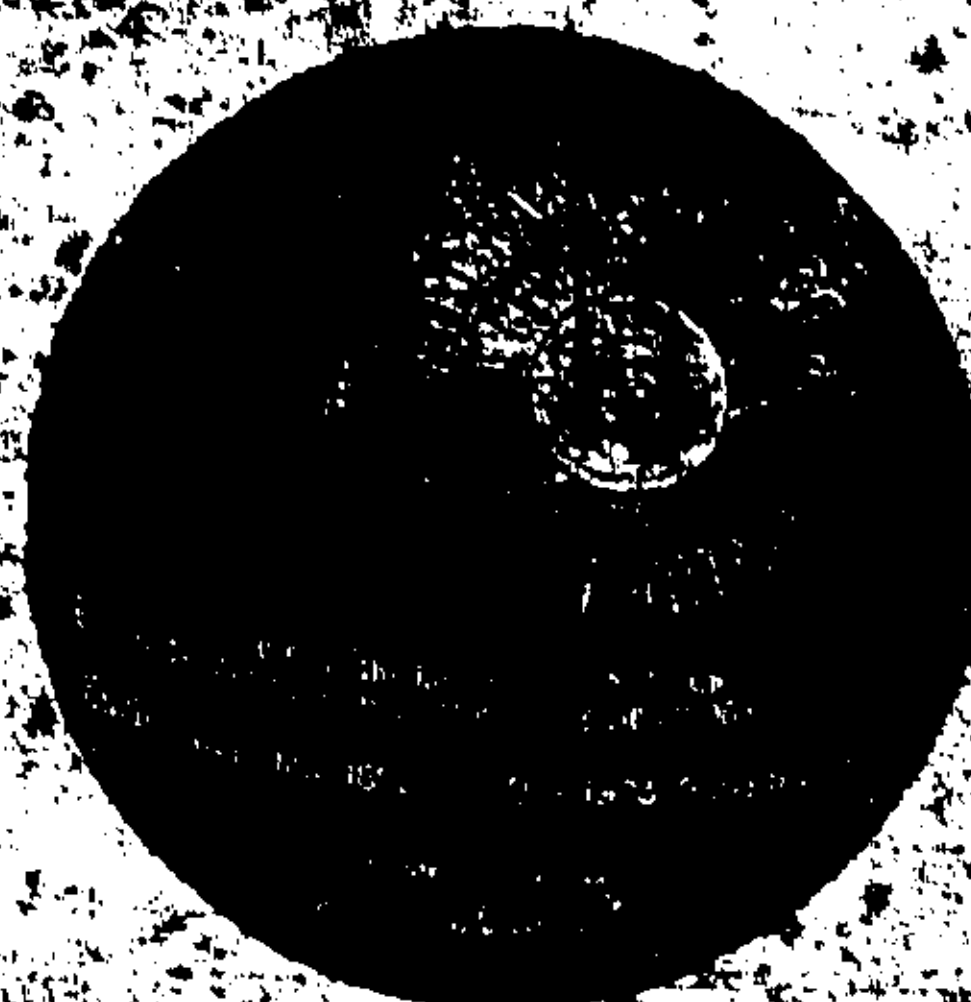
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## KOWLOON CRICKET CLUB.

## YESTERDAY'S MEETING.

The annual meeting of members of the Kowloon Cricket Club was held last evening at the Club premises. Mr. R. E. Landell (Vice-President) took the chair, and was supported by Mr. J. P. Robinson (acting Hon. Secretary) and Mr. E. Abraham (Hon. Treasurer).

The annual report showed a profit on the Club's working for last year of \$1,735.85, which, it stated, was very satisfactory indeed taking into consideration the unusual expenditure in connection with the M. Homes amounting to \$524.80. The report continued: During the year 68 new members joined the Club, 24 resigned or were struck off, and 7 deaths were reported, leaving us a total membership of 385 against 393 on 31st August, 1918. As a result of the loss of members, we have to regret that we have to record the deaths of Messrs. W. Tulp, W. M. Messey and Lieut. J. Beardsworth also of Messrs. A. Fyfe, W. H. Church, E. W. Evers and H. E. Haines who died serving in the Empire's cause. The thanks of the Club are due to the Ground Committee for the care and attention paid. The Cricket pitch is in excellent condition but the outfield requires to be relevelled and reseeded, and this should be carried out immediately the cricket season closes. The Club obtained six first and five second prizes also a Challenge Cup at the last Hongkong Golf Show whilst throughout the year the approach to the Club has been gay with flowers for which our thanks are due to Messrs. Robinson, Harvey and Spittles. The present club house is in fair condition with the exception of the roof which has been leaking badly during the heavy rains. A considerable sum of money will be required in order to put the roof in a proper state of repair. The Committee are of opinion that the club house is totally inadequate for the needs of our large membership, and recommend the speedy erection of the New Pavilion. The cricket season was enjoyable, a number of friendly matches being played as well as the League fixtures. In the League we attained the position. Several of our old players have returned from active service and the Committee hope that members will give their whole-hearted support, and introduce any new players, so that we may have a successful season in the coming year. In the Hard Court Tennis League, carried out during the winter months we obtained 2nd place, after a play-off with the Chinese Y.M.C.A. The Club entered two teams in the Senior Division of the Hongkong Tennis League, the championship of which was eventually won by the C.R.C. One team was entered in the Junior Division in which the Y.M.C.A. proved successful. The Annual Golf Tournament has again been disappointing, but the Committee hope it will be completed in the near future. The membership of the section is still much below its full complement and the Secretary will be glad to hear of members wishing to join. The Annual match between the Hongkong Lawn Bowls Association, and although not occupying a favorable position in the League Table, yet many enjoyable afternoons have been spent by the members of the Club and given a good Bowling Green this section should prove a source of revenue to the Club. No Croquet was played during the year. The best thanks of the Club are due to the donors of the many prizes presented and promised.

The Chairman, proposing the adoption of the report and accounts, said that in the first place he knew that they would all agree with him in regarding the absence from his accustomed place at the meeting of their general President, Dr. W. C. Forsyth. The latest news of him was that he was in Hongkong until the end of next summer. He hoped, if as he presumed they would, they elected Dr. Forsyth, that he would be here to take the chair at the next annual meeting. Turning to the

report, it was very satisfactory to find that the membership increased by 81 since a year ago and recently they had welcomed back many old and familiar faces, of those who had done their bit for the Empire. All honour to them and congratulations on their safe return. In the closing months of the year four more members gave their lives in the great cause, and their names would be added to the Club's roll of honour. Regarding the grounds he was sure they would endorse the committee's appreciation of the horticultural efforts of Messrs. Robinson, Harvey and Spittles. They had recently asked for a Government grant in aid of the development of the waste land between the old and new grounds. As regards sports generally they had had quite a successful year and he wished particularly to congratulate the Bowls section on their successful debut. It was a pity that so few of the tennis and golf players did not emulate the enthusiasm of the bowlers. With regard to the balance sheet the expenditure side showed \$8,000 more on the Bar account than last year, due to higher prices, greater consumption and the inclusion of "cheese and biscuits." Printing showed an increase of over \$200 almost entirely due to the printing of the new rules and by-laws. The Club held three At Homes, during the year at a total cost of some \$320. All three functions were highly successful and could not but have enhanced the Club's reputation for hospitality. On the Income side the Bar was again to the fore, showing an increase of receipts of more than \$8,000, but that was not surprising in view of the much greater use of the Club by members generally, the increase in membership and the return of many ardent supporters of the Club who had been on the absent members' list. They would agree that a balance \$1,735.85 of income over expenditure was extremely satisfactory. With regard to Assets and Liabilities the overdraft had been reduced by \$800. It stood at \$1,500 but against that they held \$6,000 worth of Hongkong War Loan Stock. (Applause.)

Mr. L. J. Blackburn seconding the motion was carried unanimously. A RESOLUTION OF OFFICERS. The Chairman said that before proceeding to the election of officers he thought that first of all, they should consider the question of asking Sir R. E. Stubbs to become Patron instead of Sir Henry May. He proposed that Sir Henry May having now retired they invite Sir Reginald Stubbs to be Patron.

Seconded by Mr. Neilson and carried.

Dr. C. Forsyth was unanimously re-elected President. The Chairman intimated that he would be leaving for home in November and would not be back until the end of 1920. Mr. A. O. Brown was accordingly elected Vice-President. Mr. J. P. Robinson was elected Captain and Mr. J. Stalker Vice-Captain. Mr. E. Abraham was re-elected Hon. Treasurer and out of three nominations Mr. L. J. Blackburn was elected Hon. Secretary.

For the Committee (eight members), eighteen nominations were received. The following were elected: Messrs. D. Neilson, J. Ralston, H. E. Stevens, W. Kay, C. W. Jeffries, W. T. Elson, G. Stark and J. H. Mead. For the Ballotting Committee (four members), those elected were: Messrs. D. G. Nicoll, D. Bionkian, J. M. Jacky, N. Ralston, D. Harvey, J. Stalker, P. F. Shoff, A. W. B. Davidson, L. B. S. Hodge, and G. Gerrard.

The question of raising the subscription with a view to raising funds to erect a new pavilion was discussed. The Chairman said the present pavilion was inadequate and a new one would cost \$25,000, which would have to be raised by subscriptions.

Interest and redemption (within 15 years) would amount to about \$2,500 per year on an average. The balance sheet for this year showed \$1,135, so that the pavilion was to be erected more money must be raised and the "Outgoing" Committee should be asked to raise the subscription. The proposal was to raise the subscription from \$15 a year to \$23 a month for ordinary members, and proportionately for young members. It was not proposed to increase the entrance fee. An extraordinary general meeting would have to be held to decide the matter.

It was decided to call an extraordinary general meeting to discuss the matter, the meeting committee to draft proposals therefor.

Mr. W. C. Forsyth thought the honorarium of the Secretary and

## MR. THOMAS'S STRANGE DISCLOSURE.

## HECKLER WHO SERVED THE GOVERNMENT.

## PAID FOR INFORMATION.

During the course of the debate on the third reading of the Consolidated Fund Bill in the House of Commons on August 12, Mr. J. H. Thomas (Lab.-Derby) asked whether the Government were going to prosecute the men who were receiving Bolshevik gold to stir up industrial unrest in England.

Mr. Bonar Law said he would gladly give what information he could, but everybody knew how difficult it was to get evidence which would justify prosecution in a court of law. A great deal of literature was being circulated of a most pernicious kind, and if the Government could get clear proof that it was of a treasonable kind they would take action.

Mr. Thomas asked for information with regard to a man named Watson. Watson during the last three years of the war persistently followed him (Mr. Thomas) about, interrupted his meetings, and did everything possible to encourage strikes. Imagine his surprise when he heard from the Government bench that this man, who was now in jail, was, through the period he was creating this agitation, being subsidised by the Government. That was the kind of thing which was causing trouble at present.

The Home Secretary (Mr. Shortt) replied that Watson gave a certain amount of definite information. He was not regularly in the pay of the Government. He volunteered certain information, and when that information was found to be correct and was acted upon he was paid for it, but not otherwise. He was not paid to follow people about. He gave certain information, but not about Mr. Thomas or anyone connected with him, but in regard to people against whom proceedings could be taken.

Mr. Thomas condemned the acting of the Government in paying persons who were causing mischief, and who were acting as spies and pretending all the time to the workers that they were stirring up strife.

The Home Secretary said he did know what Mr. Thomas was trying to get at, but if he would put down a question he would give him all the information he could.

Mr. Thomas said he would do that.

## JAPANESE TRADE AND FINANCE.

Advices from Tokyo state that Japanese imports and exports in the period January 1 to July 31 were valued at ¥1,193,000,000 and ¥1,007,000,000 respectively, as compared with ¥934,000,000 and ¥991,000,000 in an approximately corresponding period of 1918. At the end of July notes issued by the Bank of Japan amounted to ¥1,034,000,000 and advances to ¥482,000,000. In order to reduce the price of rice, the Government arranged for free transportation of rice during the whole of July. As a result, the price declined slightly to ¥37.90 per five bushels. The money market gradually recovered after the strong demand for money usual at the turn of the year, and day-to-day money was quoted at 3.65 per cent. in the middle of the month. However, this quotation rose at the end of the month to 7.67 per cent. on account of the demand for money for the Stock Exchange settlement. The high cost of living gave rise to many labour troubles, which adversely affected the stock markets. Tokyo Stock Exchange shares declined to ¥305, Nippon Yusen Kaisha shares to ¥285, and Kasebo spinning shares to ¥364. The raw silk market showed some weakness on the relaxation of demand from the United States.

Treasury was inadequate in view of the work involved. He suggested an increase to \$500 for each officer. The Committee also were put to much trouble and he suggested a 10 per cent. reduction on their bills.

Mr. W. T. Elson, seconding the proposal, suggested that the Captain of the Club, in view of labour entailed on him, should also receive a reduction.

Finally the meeting recommended that the honorarium to the Hon. Treasurer be increased to \$250 each. Motions to allow a reduction of 10 per cent. on their bills to the Bar Committee and the Captain of the Club were lost.

This concluded the business.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Landell for his services for the Club during the past year, on the proposal of Mr. Brock.

## OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.

## EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

## No. 434.—It is hereby notified that

His Excellency Sir Reginald Edward Stubbs, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, having arrived in the Colony, the prescribed oaths of office were this day duly administered to His Excellency by His Honour the Chief Justice in the presence of the Executive Council, and that His Excellency thereupon assumed the administration of the Government in virtue of His Majesty's Commission dated at Saint James's the 16th day of June, 1919.

A. G. M. FLAHERTY, Clerk of Councils.

September 30, 1919.

## APPOINTMENTS, &amp;c.

No. 435.—His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint Captain John Esquire Warner, 2nd Battalion, Princess Charlotte of Wales (Royal Berkshire Regiment), to be his Private Secretary, with effect from this date.

September 30, 1919.

No. 436.—His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint Captain Henry Scott McGrath, 2nd Dragoon Guards (Queen's Bays), to be his Aide-de-camp, with effect from this date.

September 30, 1919.

## NOTICES.

Colonial Secretary's Department.

No. 437.—The following Commission is published for general information.

CLAUDE SEVERN, Colonial Secretary.

September 30, 1919.

## HONGKONG.

Commission passed under the Royal Sign Manual and Signet, appointing Sir Reginald Edward Stubbs, K.C.M.G., to be Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of Hongkong and its Dependencies.

## GEORGE R.I.

George the Fifth, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas, King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India: To Our Trusty and Well-beloved Sir Reginald Edward Stubbs, Knight Commander of Our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Greeting.

We do, by this Our Commission under Our Sign Manual and Signet, appoint you, the said Sir Reginald Edward Stubbs, to be, during Our pleasure, Our Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Our Colony of Hongkong and its Dependencies, with all the powers, rights, privileges, and advantages to the said Office belonging or appertaining.

II. And We do hereby authorise, empower, and command you to exercise and perform all and singular the powers and directions contained in certain Letters Patent under the Great Seal of Our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, constituting the Office of Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Our said Colony and its Dependencies, bearing date at Westminster the Fourteenth day of February, 1917, or in any other Letters Patent adding to, amending, or substituting for the same according to such Orders and Instructions as Our said Governor and Commander-in-Chief for the time being hath already received, and to such further Orders and Instructions as you may hereafter receive from Us.

III. And further, We do hereby appoint that, so soon as you shall have taken the prescribed Oaths and have entered upon the duties of your Office, this Our present Commission shall supersede Our Commission under Our Sign Manual and Signet, bearing date the Ninth day of March, 1912, appointing Our Trusty and Well-beloved Sir Frederick Henry May, Knight Commander (now Knight Grand Cross) of Our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, to be Our Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Our said Colony and its Dependencies.

IV. And We do hereby command all and singular Our Officers, Ministers, and loving subjects in Our said Colony and its Dependencies, and

## LOCAL WEDDING.

## HUTCHISON-JUPP.

A wedding in which great public interest was taken was solemnised at St. John's Cathedral, yesterday afternoon, the contracting parties being Mr. Robert Oliphant Hutchison, of the Hongkong Civil Service, eldest son of Mr. H. W. Hutchison, J. P., and Mrs. Hutchison, of Kirkcaldy; and Miss Rose Blenheim Jupp, youngest daughter of the late Mr. Joseph Jupp and of Mrs. Jupp, of Brighton, Framham, Surrey.

The Church was tastefully decorated for the occasion with pot palms, ferns and arum lilies. The Rev. V. H. Copley Moyle officiated at the service which was fully choral. The bride was given away by the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, Captain Superintendent of Police, and had as her maids of honour the Misses Marion Wolfe and Anselm Hallifax. Mr. G. S. Archbutt acted as "best man." After the signing of the Register the newly-married couple left the Church to the strains of Mendelssohn's "Wedding March," played on the organ by Mr. J. W. White. Several photographs of the wedding group were taken outside the Church door, after which those present repaired to the Hongkong Hotel, where Mrs. Wolfe did the honours. H.E. the Officer Administering the Government proposed the toast of the bride and bridegroom in a happy little speech, of which Mr. Hutchison made suitable acknowledgment.

The bride's gown was of cream tulle, with pink trimmings. The embroidered Brussels veil which surmounted the customary wreath of orange blossoms belonged to her mother. The bridal bouquet was composed of white roses. The going-away costume was of pink voile with hat to match. The maids-of-honour were dressed in cream net with mob caps, and they carried baskets of roses.

Amongst those at the reception were H.E. the Officer Administering the Government, the Hon. Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher and Mrs. Fletcher, Sir William Rees-Davies, K.C., and Lady Rees-Davies, Sir Robert Ho Tung, the Hon. Mr. W. Chatham, C.M.G., Mr. Justice Melbourn, the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax and Mrs. Hallifax, the Hon. C. G. Alabaster, the Hon. Mr. C. McE. Messer, the Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell and Mrs. Dodwell, the Hon. Mr. E. V. D. Parr, the Hon. Mr. Lau Chupak, the Hon. Mr. Ho Fook, Mr. H. W. Bird, Dr. C. W. McKenny and Mrs. McKenny, Mr. S. B. C. Ross, Captain and Mrs. E. Taylor, Mr. T. L. Perkins, Mr. H. A. Nesbit, Mr. C. C. Thorne, Mr. S. B. Eldred, Mr. H. P. Smith, Mr. G. Hastings, Mr. C. D. Wilkinson, the Rev. V. H. Copley Moyle, Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Smith, Dr. Aubrey, Mrs. N. T. Stabb, Mr. H. Hancock, Mr. Ho Kwong and many others.

The presents included a silver table service and fruit dish from the staff of the Imports and Exports Department.

The wedding cake was supplied by Wisemanns, Ltd.

## ALLEGED EMBEZZLEMENT.

## AN ACCOUNTANT CHARGED.

At the Magistracy this afternoon before Mr. N. I. Smith, Chin Yeung Tim, accountant in the Sin Cheung Yuen firm at No. 91 Shanghai Street, was charged with embezzling the sum of \$624.22 the property of the firm.

Mr. M. K. Lo appearing for the prosecution said that when defendant was arrested he admitted to the Police that he did receive money on behalf of his firm, and that he had converted the money to his own use, which arose through an opium transaction with his friend Lai Po.

Defendant, who was charged on eight counts, admitted the using of the money.

The case was proceeding as we went to press.

all others whom it may concern, to take due notice hereof, and to give their ready obedience accordingly.

Given at Our Court at Saint James's, this 16th day of June, 1919, in the Tenth year of Our Reign.

By His Majesty's Command.

MILNER.

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## CORRESPONDENCE.

## THE NEW GOVERNOR.

(To the Editor of the China Mail.)

DEAR SIR,—It is desirable that His Excellency the new Governor should be acquainted at once with the real public opinion of the Colony, and given some idea of the work that is most urgent, and awaiting his attention.

None is so important, so urgently in need of his attention, and action, as the rotten state of our housing for the comparatively small European population. For heaven's sake don't let him take his advice on this matter from those handing him the address, those who run the land and building companies and who have failed lamentably to do anything for the average European.

He has arrived when matters in this respect could hardly be worse. There isn't a single house to let at a decent rent in the Colony if at all. Read this: two-roomed flat with the disadvantage of living in Kowloon thrown in, \$78 Mex. per month! Please, work it out. God help those with a fair sized family. I am speaking as a worker for workers and not of tailors.

His Excellency will doubtless soon learn that it is contemplated building an Hotel at Kowloon. Contemplated mark you, and he will no doubt realise how long it takes to build and equip an hotel. Nasty fiddling etc., seems rather apt here.

May I ask you to urge upon him the advisability of building a hundred or more houses or flats without delay. A hundred won't be noticed. But please don't let him build them too far away. As far as possible keep us out of the hands of the Philistines.

Whisper in his ear that vested interests in this Colony are powerful. They have had us badly beaten, too long. We long to see what the new Governor can do. Tell him the hotel scheme should come second. Do build those houses or flats first. There are about 30 civilian families living temporarily in Military quarters. There are families of four and five pigging it in one room in the small hotels. It isn't healthy, comfortable or decent, or becoming the so-called prestige of those "bearing the white man's burden here."

There are (or were, they have given it up as a bad job now) people spending their Sundays searching Kowloon and the Caine and Robinson Roads to see if an empty house exists.

Writing of Caine and Robinson Roads reminds me that there is a legend that these are European reservations. I'm not sure. Mr. Chatham can tell. If there is an ordinance or a law of any sort to confirm this what will H.E. do about it? Because whatever these roads are legally, or theoretically, they are actually inhabited almost entirely by Asians.

Not much use of them being European reservations on paper is it? Perhaps H. E. will look into this. Tell him to remember the Military Authorities may have to turn those families out any day.

In conclusion, I'm sure with His Excellency's Ceylon experience, particularly of Ramanathan and Co., he won't take at much premium the honeyed words and oily smiles of all those who were in the front rows at the City Hall. The average European is banking on H.E. to a considerable

extent, well as on the China Mail. Let them not be disappointed. Populi, vox Dei.

Yours respectfully,

CITIZEN.

Hongkong, Sept. 30, 1919.

## PENSIONS AND THE HIGH DOLLAR.

(To the Editor of the China Mail.)

SIR—Without doubt it is iniquitous paying an ex-Serviceman his small and over-earned pension at anything over 2/- to the dollar, and to pay it at 4/- or over leaves one speechless. I should like to suggest that all pensioners (civilians) hold a private meeting and frame a protest to the Governor who will realise the injustice involved.

It may be news to some that despite increases by the Home Government here, there and everywhere, war bonuses, etc., there has been no increase of pensions during the war or since.

Could you possibly ask Military Headquarters if they are moving in this matter?

Yours, etc.,

DISCHARGED AND DISREGARDED.

Hongkong, Sept. 30, 1919.

## THE BRITISH MEDALS FOR HONGKONG DEFENCE CORPS.

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")

SIR—The services of the Hongkong Defence Corps during the war have favourable comparison with the services rendered by regulars on garrison duty. Admitted the service was part-time and all in Hongkong but it was efficient, it served its purpose and was cheap to the Imperial Government.

It appears that all regular soldiers and sailors who have served here during the war will get the British War Medal notwithstanding quite a number of the military have been, like the Hongkong Defence Corps, in Hongkong during the whole period of the war. It is possible that the Dockyard Defence Corps will get the medal.

Yours faithfully,

Ex. A. E.

Hongkong, Sept. 30, 1919.

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## HONGKONG STOCK

## EXCHANGE.

HONGKONG, 30th SEPTEMBER, 1919.

## OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

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Bankers.

Hongkong Bank, ... \$670 b.

Marine Insurance, ... \$440 b.

Canton Ins., ... \$200 b.

North China Ins., ... \$250 b.

Union Ins., ... \$250 b.

Yangtze Ins., ... \$250 b.

Far Eastern, ... \$250 b.

Fire Insurance, ... \$138 b.

Hongkong Fire Ins., ... \$345 b.

Shipping, ... \$86 a. ex div.

H.K. Steamships, ... \$243 n.

Indo-China (P.), ... \$23 n.

Do, ... \$196 b.

Star Line, ... \$180 a.

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The Asia Banking Corporation offers an American Banking Service and respectfully solicits your patronage. It is organized especially for the purpose of fostering and developing trade between the Orient and the United States. The entire service, information and TIME of our bank, its staff and correspondents are at the disposal of our clients and their friends.

Interest allowed on current, fixed and saving accounts carried in Local Currency, U.S. Gold, Sterling and France.

Foreign or local drafts purchased at best rates, or entered for collection.

Imports and exports financed.

Commercial credits established.

Drafts sold on, and telegraphic payments effected in, any part of the World.

Travellers' Checks and Credits.

## EXCHANGE.

Hongkong, September 30, 1919.

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## EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reader's Service to the China Mail.)

## MR. ASQUITH AND LORD FRENCH.

LONDON, September 29th.

Referring to Lord French's statements, Mr. Asquith, who has returned from Italy, points out that he only entered into a controversy with Lord French when the latter proceeded to falsify history, especially in regard to a society which was the fruit and memory of Lord French, to whom Lord French was under strong personal obligations.

Mr. Asquith says that he does not qualify one word of his speech of June 19th, and adheres to his belief in the accuracy of Lord French's version of his conversations with Lord French, which the latter denies.

Mr. H. H. Asquith, speaking at a luncheon at the Cannon Rooms, London, on the 29th, denounced Lord French's book as an ill-considered, unimpeachable, and unimpeachable narrative, and a flagrant breach of the traditions of the public service. He stated that the charge that the Asquiths were in a conspiracy with Lord French to falsify history was a complete fabrication, and that the Asquiths were in a conspiracy with Lord French to falsify history was a complete fabrication, and that the Asquiths were in a conspiracy with Lord French to falsify history was a complete fabrication.

## MORE GERMAN INTRIGUE.

Stockholm, September 29th.

A telegram from Helsingfors says that a Russian General, who has escaped to Finland, declares that Petrograd and Moscow are directly communicating with the German General Staff officers and the Bolshevik troops.

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## THE FRENCH ENTERTAINERS' STRIKE.

Paris, September 29th.

The Entertainers' Federation has decided on a general strike of employees of all entertainments, including theatres, concert halls, and a few theatres, which have signed an agreement with the Federation for the payment of a minimum wage and the employment of only Frenchmen.

## AUSTRALIA RATIFIES NAUHU AGREEMENT.

Melbourne, September 29th.

The Federal House of Representatives has passed a Bill ratifying the so-called Nauru Agreement, providing that control of the ex-German islands in the Pacific south of the equator shall pass to Australia and New Zealand, whilst those north of the equator go to Japan.

## THE SILVER MARKET.

LONDON, September 29th.

The silver market is steady.

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Messrs. Montagu & Co.'s report, dated September 29th, states that supplies from America are still scanty but are rather scarce in evidence, but the demand, especially for forward delivery, easily absorbs the offerings, with China purchases here as well as in the East. The amount of the market has been maintained.

The days price of silver is apparently a record. The Shanghai exchange quotes at 32.50.

LONDON, September 29th.

Silver is quoted at 32.50, spot, with a slight advance.

## EXPORT OF GOLD FROM AMERICA.

New York, September 29th.

Gold to the value of \$400,000 has been exported.

## THE RAILWAY STRIKE.

LONDON, September 29th.

The situation on the railways has somewhat improved. For example, the Great Northern Railway is running a train to London and Southampton this afternoon, and hopes to run trains to the West and to London tomorrow, also to extend the service to Birmingham.

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## WEATHER REPORT.

September 30, 1919. No returns from Vladivostok, Japan, Formosa or Amoy.

Pressure has increased moderately at Shanghai and slightly over S. China and the Philippines.

There appears to be a typhoon to the N.W. of Guam moving northward.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00-inch. Total since January 1st, 57.81 inches, which is an average of 70.19 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. on October 1st.

1.—Hongkong to Gap Rock. E. winds, moderate to fair.

2.—Formosa Channel. N.E. winds, moderate to fair.

3.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamook. The same as No. 1.

4.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan. The same as No. 1.

## ROYAL OBSERVATORY HONGKONG, DAILY WEATHER REPORT.

SEPTEMBER 30, 1919.—a.m.

Station.	Hour.	Barometer at Sea Level.	Temperature.	Humidity.	Wind.	
					Direction.	Force.
Vladivostok	6 a.					
Yemuro	5 a.					
Bakodato	5 a.					
Kobe	5 a.					
Nagasaki	5 a.					
Kagoshima	5 a.					
Osaka	5 a.					
Yokohama	5 a.					
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